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PURGES CONTINUE IN ALBANIA;
NUMBER IN PRISON CAMPS INCREASES

HOXHA'S SISTER-IN-LAW ARRESTED -- Rome, Bolletino Danu'ano, 12 Nov 51

The latest news from Albania is that, in addition to Mihal Prifti, organizer of the wartime partisan movement, and his co-workers, the sister-in-law of Enver Hoxha has been arrested and condemned for her participation in the Tirana conspiracy.

Of the 20,000 party members, 1,400 are in prisons or concentration camps. The purge is still in progress in the highest party circles and it is expected that, at long last, one or the other of the party's greatest exponents, Hoxha or Shehu, will gain the victory.

The present situation has created conditions favoring the growth of resistance activities. The anti-Communist movement has been expanding steadily in the mountainous regions, which are almost inaccessible to government troops. Allied support would materially strengthen this resistance since even now, when the Albanian people feel that they have been completely abandoned, they are giving all possible aid to the nationalist guerrillas.

CLANDESTINE RADIO STARTS BROADCASTS -- Rome, Bolletino Danubiano, 12 Nov 51

From news coming directly from Albania it appears that the number of concentration camps and of persons sentenced to hard labor has recently increased. It is estimated that the number of internees now in these camps greatly exceeds the figure of 20,000 published 2 months ago in an Albanian Communist newspaper. The principal camps are those of Burrel, Ligen i Maliqit, Tepelene, and Pazani /not identified/, the Bendeni camp /Beden at Kavaje/ and the notorious Vlotsisi /probably Vloteishte/ death camp near Korce. According to our Trieste correspondent, the daily average of seriously ill persons in these camps has reached 30 percent because of the living conditions, scarcity of food, and excessively hard work. Internees are often employed on work far

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from their camps and must walk 2 to 3 hours to reach the work site. Work is interrupted for only half an hour for the noon meal. The meal consists of a thin soup made of flour boiled in water with 5 grams of oil, and 150 grams of rye bread. In some camps the internees are not supplied with bedding. They sleep in wooden barracks on beds of grass.

Within the last few days a clandestine radio station has started broadcasting to the people on the 43-meter wave length, but the audience is small because there are so few radio owners. The broadcasts begin at 2100 hours and last about 15 minutes. In one broadcast it was announced that the notorious Bilbi Klosi, one of the greatest Communist criminals, recently appointed Minister of Justice, had been sentenced to death by the Albanian Anti-Communist Tribunal and that the sentence would soon be executed. This sentence is said to be the result of the recent trial of Albanian patriots by the present regime, in which they were accused of espionage and sabotage as agents of the British, Americans, Greeks, and Italians. The announcement of this sentence pronounced by the Anti-Communist Tribunal made a deep impression on Communist circles in Albania.

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